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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FEBRUARY 6 ISSUE OF RINASCITA, A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI), CONTAINS A LENGTHY ARTICLE ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE (ECPC) WRITTEN BY ANTONIO RUBBI, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE PCI'S FOREIGN SECTION AND A MEMBER OF THE PCI'S DELEGATION TO THE LAST TWO ECPC DRAFTING GROUP SESSIONS IN BERLIN. RUBBI'S ARTICLE IS UPBEAT IN TONE, INDICATING THAT "THE CONDITIONS ALREADY EXIST FOR MOVING TOWARDS THE CONCLUDING PHASE" OF THE PREPARATIONS ALTHOUGH HE SERVES A WARNING.

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ING THAT THE LINES TAKEN IN V. KORIONOV'S ARTICLE IN PRAVDA

JANUARY 24 AND IN A RECENTLY PUBLISHED COLLECTIVE WORK BY INSTRUCTORS OF THE EAST GERMAN PARTY SCHOOL ON THE "ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OF THE USSR IN THE WORLD REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS" COULD INTRODUCE NEW COMPLI-
CATIONS INTO THE DRAFTING OF A FINAL ECPC DOCUMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN AN ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR THE FEBRUARY 6 ISSUE OF THE PCI'S THEORETICAL WEEKLY RINASCITA, DEPUTY FOREIGN CHIEF ANTONIO RUBBI TAKES AN UPBEAT STANCE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE ECPC. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS HAS BEEN SLOW, RUBBI SAYS THIS IS NATURAL IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF PARTIES INVOLVED, THE SEARCH FOR NATIONAL ROADS TO COMMUNISM, THE REFUTATION OF MODELS AND OF SIMPLE REFERRAL TO EXPERIENCES IN OTHER HISTORICAL CONDITIONS AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF MOMENTS OF DIVERSITY. FURTHERMORE THE NOVELTY OF THE RULE OF CONSENSUS AND THE AUTONOMOUS NATURE OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTIES ADD TO THE TIME NEEDED FOR THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

2. RUBBI STRESSES THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN "IDEOLOGICAL" DOCUMENT WITH UNIVERSAL VALIDITY. THE TIME WHEN THIS WAS POSSIBLE IS PAST, AND IF IS USELESS, HE CLAIMS, TO DREAM OF ITS RETURN. AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR THE DOCUMENT, ONE SHOULD LOOK TO THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE WHICH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PERIOD IN EUROPEAN HISTORY. THE DRAFT DOCUMENT DEALS WITH QUESTIONS RAISED BY THIS EVENT SUCH AS HOW TO MAKE DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE, HOW TO BRING ABOUT THE WITHERING AWAY OF BLOCS, ETC. AS A SECOND POINT OF DEPARTURE, THE DRAFT DOCUMENT DEALS WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW TO ADVANCE SOCIAL PROGRESS AND THE STRUGGLE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY IN A SOCIALIST DIRECTION.

3. RUBBI DESCRIBES THE DEBATE IN THE DRAFTING SESSIONS AS BEING "AMPLE, FRANK AND SINCERE." ALTHOUGH THE GOING WAS OFTEN HARD, RUBBI DECLARES THAT FOLLOWING THE LATEST TWO SESSIONS THE FUNDAMENTAL LINES OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDS, CERTAIN POINTS NEED FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ELABORATION, AND THESE WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE, IT IS RUBBI'S JUDGEMENT THAT AGREEMENT ON THE CONTROVERSIAL POINTS CAN ALSO BE REACHED.

4. RUBBI THEN GOES ON TO WARN THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE NOT APPEAR "FORCES AND DISTORTED INTERPRETATIONS" FROM INSIDE THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE ON THE DRAFT DOCUMENT. HE SPECIFICALLY CITES THE

KORIONOV ARTICLE AND THE EAST GERMAN WORK AS EXAMPLES OF INTERPRETATIONS WHICH COULD CREATE NEW PROBLEMS FOR THE DRAFTERS. REPLYING FIRST TO KORIONOV, RUBBI ASSERTS THAT PREJUDICED ANTICOMMUNISM AND ANTI-SOVIETISM ARE REACTIONARY IN NATURE AND CREATE OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF UNIFYING THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES. HOWEVER, HE ADDS, "A DECISIVE BATTLE AGAINST ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-SOVIETISM WILL NOT MAKE FORWARD PROGRESS, IF WE DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DISTINGUISH WHAT ARE THE A PRIORI ANTI-COMMUNIST CHOICES FROM THAT WHICH IS, ON THE OTHER HAND, RESERVE, DISACCORD, AND DISSENT WITH OUT POSITIONS." CRITICAL STANCES ON POSITIONS WE DO NOT SHARE, HE ADDS, IN FACT AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND HAVE ASSISTED THE PCI IN HANDLING SERIOUS SETBACKS TO THE REACTIONARY ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES IN ITALY.

5. TURNING TO THE EAST GERMANS, RUBBI TAKES ISSUE WITH THEIR ASSERTION OF A NEED FOR THE "MODEL STATE" AND "MODEL PARTY." SUCH A CRITERIA FOR APPROACHING THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONALISM WOULD, ACCORDING TO THE PCI SPOKESMAN, LEAD TO STERILE RESULTS AND WOULD DEPRIVE THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT OF THE PARTICULAR AND SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TOTAL EXPERIENCES OF THE WORKERS MOVEMENT AND THE COMMUNIST PARTIES.

6. IN CONCLUDING RUBBI STRESSES THAT SUCH TOUCHES OF NOSTALGIA ARE AGAINST THE LINES ALREADY AGREED UPON FOR THE ECPC DOCUMENT WHICH "RECOGNIZES THE FULL AUTONOMY OF ACTION OF EACH PARTY DECIDED IN ABSOLUTE INDEPENDENCE ACCORDING TO THE PECULARITIES AND THE NATIONAL CONDITIONS OF EVERY COUNTRY. THE SOONER ONE PUTS THIS NOSTALGIA TO REST, RUBBI NOTES, THE BETTER WILL BE THE CHANCES OF ACHIEVING A STAGE IN WHICH THE EQUALITY OF ALL THE PARTIES IS RECOGNIZED, A CONDITION "ESSENTIAL FOR A REAL INTERNATIONALISM." VOLPE
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